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THE POISON IS STILL WORKING

This is a good time, with the political campaign now at its end, to take a look at several neglected items. They affect our lives as greatly as does the outcome of the election, if not more so. One is the formation of a new, nationwide organization. It began with little or no fanfare, but you may wake up one day soon after the new Congress meets in January to make a sudden discovery. It will be that a carefully planned and well-financed drive has been under way for

several months to wipe out one of the most useful investigating committees of the Congress.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has always been a thorn in the side of our native Reds and their dupes. Communists cannot stand exposure of their true aims and objectives. And the Un-American Activities Committee is of tremendous value in keeping Americans informed and alerted about the Reds in our midst and how they work. But you have to hand it to

the Reds - they plan their destructive campaigns far in advance. Complacent Americans sit by. They get excited only when the communist attack on our protective agencies is almost successful. One of these days we may wait a little too long.

Last August a new organization called the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee was formed. It has been working all these months to poison the minds of Americans against the House Committee, so that when Congress meets the groundwork will be laid for a violent and all-out drive to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee.

This new organization is a front. A good portion of its funds and workers come from

another organization with the innocent-sounding name of Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. But that organization - to 'preserve American freedoms,' mind you - is under control of the Communist Party according to J. Edgar Hoover. Both these groups are mixed up with still another called the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which has been cited as subversive by the Senate Internal Security Committee. And the purpose of all three, at which they work ceaselessly, is to discredit and if possible abolish the FBI, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the Senate Internal Security Committee - our major protective agencies against the Red termites in America.

APPALLING IGNORANCE

Another matter which was more or less neglected during the campaign was the problem of schools and education. Oh, we heard a great deal about the need for government hand-outs to help the schools. But we heard little or nothing about the *quality* of education which our schools are producing. And all the federal money in the world will not

bring improvement on this score. In fact, it could actually make the situation worse than it is. For instance, quite a few observers have noted the fact that our schools did a much better job of real education back in the days when they had no money for frills, furbelows, and 'life-adjustment' nonsense. Today, the states and local-

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ities are spending tremendous sums on public education. But what do we get in return?

Now it must be understood that in reporting the following facts, we are not indicting all the public schools in America. Some of them are doing a fine job - a job which ought to be emulated by a great many others. But there is no getting away from the fact that, despite all the talk about improving public education, the modern educationists still have a good many school systems by the throat - and they are not improving. These modern educationists go their merry way turning out half-educated and even illiterate young Americans. You are paying the bills

but you are not getting your money's worth for either your children or the future of your country.

For instance, a major steel company recently conducted a poll among its three thousand employees. We can assume that a group like this is a pretty good cross-section of the products turned out by our public schools. According to the *National Civic Review*, the magazine which reported the results of this poll, it revealed some shocking data. Seventy-five percent of these three thousand Americans could not name an outstanding Republican from among five men, four of whom were Democrats. But maybe we better pass that one by - it's getting harder all the time to distinguish between a Republican and a Democrat!

Much more shocking is the fact that *eighty-seven percent* had no clear notion of the kind of government which our Constitution sets up. Fifty-five percent did not understand how federal laws are passed, and sixty-six percent had not the faintest idea of what we mean when we talk about the separation of powers in our government.

Although inflation and taxes are eating away at

their pay, forty-nine percent of these employees did not know why a balanced national budget is important. Even on the purely physical facts regarding our government, the degree of ignorance was appalling. Forty-seven percent, for example, thought the White House is located on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The *National Civic Review* also called attention to another survey, which we reported to you sometime ago.

A JOB NOT DONE

Obviously, surveys like these provide dismaying proof that our schools are not doing their job. Certainly most Americans will agree that one of the most important jobs of education in a republic is to give youngsters a sound and basic understanding of the governmental and economic system under which they live. It is from their ranks that there must come the leaders to preserve and protect this system of free men. What is happening - what will happen to this system when it is run by badly educated leaders who do not understand it?

Of course, you might well ask how high-school graduates can understand anything when

It was made by the Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico among a group of high-school seniors - seventeen- and eighteen-year-olds who had had twelve years of so-called 'education.' It showed that a majority believe the profit motive could be done away with, without hurting our system; that business is bad for the country; and that the government should take over control of press, radio and television.

they can barely read or write. Twenty-seven years ago, when the modern educationists first began getting a stranglehold on our schools, the University of Illinois set up a special course for freshmen. Actually, the University was trying to do a job which should have been done in the high schools and lower grades - teach prospective college students the elements of their own language; how to read it, write it and speak it. But the University had assumed an impossible task. Each year the enrollment in this special course became bigger and bigger, which meant the high schools from which these freshmen came were do-

ing a worse job than ever. Despite the University's valiant efforts, during the last eight years one out of every five students failed even this remedial course. So this year - after twenty-seven years of trying to correct the deficiencies of the high schools and lower grades - the University of Illinois has done the wise thing and dumped the problem

right back where it belongs. It has discontinued the special course, which means students cannot enter the University unless they have learned how to read, write and speak English. It is now up to the public schools - at least in the State of Illinois - to do the job they should have been doing, but failed to do, all these years.

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 11/6/60

Book Review **TALE OF A BRAVE WOMAN**

I WAS A SPY by Marion Miller, 224 pages, Bobbs-Merrill, Indianapolis, Ind., \$3.50.

We have had almost a surfeit (if that is possible which it isn't) of personal stories by American patriots who served as undercover agents for the FBI against the communist conspiracy here in America. Somehow, each has managed to bring us a new facet of this dangerous but essential activity; only two examples among many are Philbrick's *I Led Three Lives* and Morros' *My Ten Years As a Counterspy*.

However, Mrs. Miller adds a new dimension to a story which will always carry the element

of excitement to those outside the periphery of conspiracy. She was just an ordinary American housewife with two children. It is true that her husband - a stalwart patriot in his own right - knew what it meant to risk a great deal to fight the enemy he understood so well. But Mrs. Miller did not know this about him until quite a while after they were married. She considered herself a 'liberal' of sorts - a position she came to despise with righteous indignation after her experience in the Communist Party. It proved to her how desperately dangerous such fuzzy minded idealism is in the

hands of the far more clever conspiratorial Reds.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both of Jewish faith, which made them natural targets for the conspirators who fatten on supposed 'minority' grievances. But Marion Miller had no notion, when she was asked to join an innocuous-sounding organization to help the foreign-born in America, that it was a branch of a notorious communist-front. Thanks partially to her husband's awareness, she soon found out, reported the facts to the FBI, and was asked by them to remain in the society as an undercover agent. Then there began for her a life of unpleasant excitement, terror and fear which in the end nearly broke her health. But she learned a terrible lesson - a lesson which she tries eloquently to impart to her unknowing fellow-Americans in this book. She disclaims any title to heroism or martyrdom, but nonetheless she is a brave woman. And she declares that, awful as was the whole experience, she would do it over again because the life of her beloved country is at stake.

She has written an intensely personal story, with an insight into the character of

those who become communists or fall into their web which is found in few other books of this type. One of the most heartrending aspects of her story is the manner in which friends, neighbors, even relatives turned on her, not because she was a communist but because she performed a patriotic duty, without pay, for her country when she testified to the things she had learned. Only after she became 'the most decorated lady in our nation' did the enmity subside. But it is a very sad commentary on the spineless character of too many Americans that their indignation is aroused not by the vicious enemies in their midst but by those who expose them. Witness, for example, what happened to Senator McCarthy whom the Millers, to their great credit, staunchly defend.

This is a thoroughly interesting book which keeps one's eyes in it with greater avidity than any fictional spy thriller. And it is a wonderful corrective for those who dismiss the internal communist threat as just another bogeyman. It operates, as Mrs. Miller graphically shows, in more places than you think.

- Rosalie Gordon

QUIT CHOKING HIM

"A distinguished Russian, Count Leo Tolstoy, said: 'I sit on a man's back, choking him and making him carry me, and yet assure myself and others that I am very sorry for him and wish to ease his lot by all possible means - except by getting off his back.'"

"...Candidates and party platforms are sorry for a great variety of citizens - farmers, old folks, students, workers, and even taxpayers. Yet the financial troubles of all these are attributable to a common cause: high taxes which finance the benefits, including their ability to do for themselves and high living costs due to deficit spending, which waters down the dollar.

"A formula for such a time as genuine sorrow is felt for this man's lot: Get off his back. Quit choking him. Get the hand out of his pocket."

- from an editorial in
the N.Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM & SUN

LABOR BOSS "DEMOCRACY"

"We keep hearing a lot from union leaders about the democracy of the big mass production unions.

"Couldn't be, could it, that they mean incidents such as occurred at the United Steelworkers convention in Atlantic City? A USW member who circulated leaflets disagreeing with

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USW leadership was beaten so badly he had to be taken to a hospital."

-Detroit.(Mich.) NEWS

NOT A SUPERMARKET

"Government at all levels must cease trying to be super-marts for every imaginable public service, and instead concentrate on essentials." - *Maurice H. Stans, U.S. Director, Bureau of the Budget*

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